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For: Composition For Protection Against Superficial Vasodilator Flush Syndrome

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box 1450

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please replace the original title with:

-Composition For Protection Against Superficial Vasodilator Flush Syndrome-

Prior to examination, please cancel claims 1-39 and substitute therefore the following new claims:

- 40. A composition for protecting a subject from the inflammatory disease superficial vasodilator flush syndrome, said composition comprising a non-bovine heavily sulfated proteoglycan, olive kernel extract, a flavonoid compound, bitter willow bark extract, and, optionally, cyproheptadine or azatadine.
- 41. The composition of claim 40, wherein said proteoglycan is sulfated chondroitin sulfate.
- 42. The composition of claim 40, wherein said flavonoid compound is quercetin, myricetin or genistein.
- 43. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said inflammatory disease is superficial vasodilation flush syndrome, said composition comprising 50 mg non-bovine chondroitin sulfate; olive kernel extract, 150-600 mg; 150-350 mg quercetin, 5% by weight bitter willow bark extract, and, optionally, 4 mg cyproheptadine or azatadine, administered daily.
- 44. A method of protecting against superficial vasodilator flush syndrome,